

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

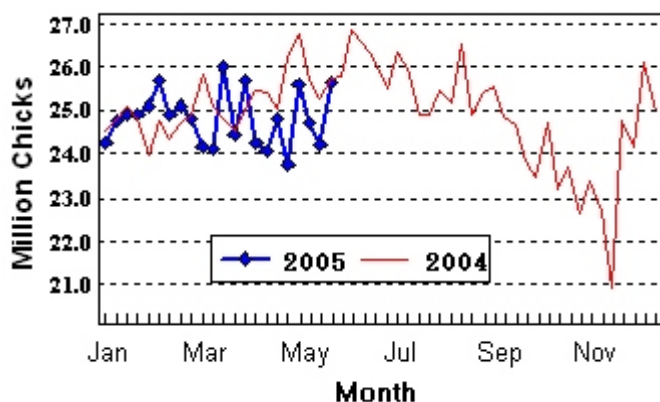
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.7 million during the week ending May 28, 2005. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week in 2004, but up 6 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through May 28, 2005 were 546.1 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.4 million, down slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.7 percent.

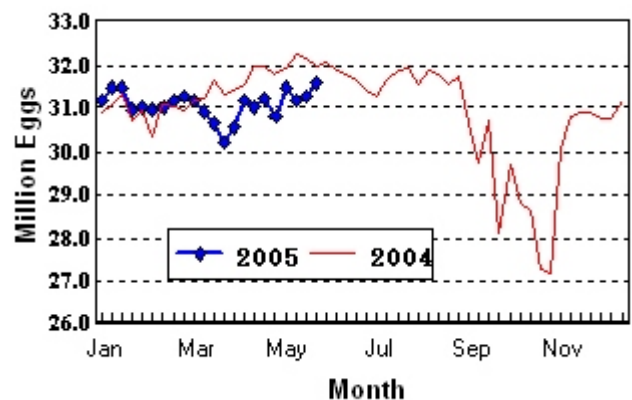
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 28, 2005, down 1 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Apr. 23	25,051	24,829	99	26,014	25,451	98	32,020	31,203	97
Apr. 30	26,189	23,759	91	26,122	25,978	99	31,803	30,826	97
May 7	26,708	25,615	96	26,377	26,046	99	31,961	31,488	99
May 14	25,691	24,734	96	26,395	26,160	99	32,245	31,167	97
May 21	25,239	24,203	96	26,313	25,755	98	32,157	31,284	97
May 28	25,726	25,658	100	26,384	26,351	100	31,991	31,587	99

**CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005**



**EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005**



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	07-May	14-May	21-May	28-May		23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May	14-May	21-May	28-May	
Alabama	31,405	31,626	31,466	31,659	106	22,081	22,253	21,625	21,315	21,818	21,834	102
ARKANSAS	31,488	31,167	31,284	31,587	99	24,829	23,759	25,615	24,734	24,203 *	25,658	100
Delaware	3,956	4,085	4,077	4,091	104	5,557	5,780 *	5,156	6,457	5,975	5,435	95
Florida	1,344	1,343	1,344	1,363	98	1,496	1,668	1,332	1,471	1,249 *	1,476	92
Georgia	32,615 *	33,793	33,651	33,619	100	25,781	27,120	28,528	28,182	26,986	27,950	111
Kentucky	7,328	7,211	7,106	7,149	100	6,446	6,420	5,818	5,993	5,849 *	6,350	105
Louisiana	4,102	4,105	4,104	4,105	106	3,605	3,954	3,934	4,309	3,838	4,197	101
Maryland	8,905	8,995	9,005 *	8,991	100	5,212	5,762	6,105	4,808	5,761 *	5,475	107
Mississippi	18,947	18,812	18,856	18,849	97	17,749	17,421	16,949	16,964	17,055	17,169	100
N. Carolina	18,792 *	18,796	18,993 *	18,689	100	15,381	15,302	15,624	15,268	15,073	15,608	100
Oklahoma	6,296	6,650	6,458 *	6,566	100	4,425	5,933	5,520	5,464	5,429 *	4,355	90
Pennsylvania	4,229	4,102	4,111 *	4,100	126	3,093	3,262	3,168	3,067	3,136 *	3,055	108
S. Carolina	4,983	5,177	5,239	5,060	135	4,271	4,544	3,572	4,387	4,734	3,299	64
Texas	15,553	15,536	15,401	15,404	100	13,231	13,141	13,070	13,141	13,062	13,058	99
Virginia	6,495	6,634	6,591	6,621	98	5,353	4,999	5,144	5,407	5,683	5,271	100
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,138	18,094	18,239 *	18,165	100	16,977	18,488	16,713	17,156	17,354 *	16,669	100
Total 2005	214,576 *	216,126	215,925 *	216,018		175,487	179,806 *	177,873	178,123	177,205 *	176,859	
Total 2004	212,957	213,724	214,186	212,907		173,669	174,862	176,351	175,431	175,320	175,708	
%Prev. Year	101	101	101	101		101	103	101	102	101	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 216 million eggs during the week ending May 28, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 28, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 28, 2005 were 3.69 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.